



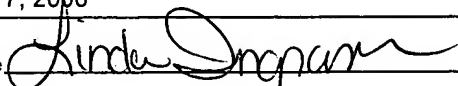
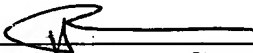
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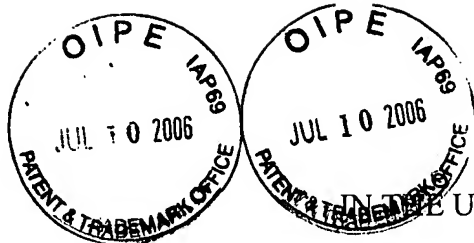
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**REASONS IN SUPPORT OF  
PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following reasons in support of the concurrently filed Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.

**Reasons**

I. Applicants submit that there is clear error with respect to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-20, and 22-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in light of U.S. Patent No. 4,799,156 to Shavit et al. ("Shavit") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0161672 to Banks et al. ("Banks"). As described in detail on page 11 of Applicant's Response to Final Office Action (dated May 23, 2006), the rejection of claim 1 is deficient because the prior art clearly fails to teach or suggest the claim 1 limitation reciting "calculating an order price based on the mapping database record comprising the quote amount associated with the first product and the desired quantity identified in the product manufacturing facility order." Specifically, the Final Office Action relies on Banks's disclosure in paragraph 32 of "e-catalog system 13 uses product usage information to recalculate item price information provided to purchasing system 18 based on prior

product purchases,” even though Banks fails to disclose a mapping database record that comprises a quote amount from the quotation database. Claims 11, 19, and 26 recite similar features as claim 1 and were rejected for the same rationale. Therefore, claims 1, 11, 19, and 26 suffer the same error in rejection as claim 1. Claims 2, 4-10, 12, 14-18, 20, 22-25, 27-31 depend from and further limit claims 1, 11, 19, and 26 respectively and therefore suffer from the same errors in rejection as claims 1, 11, 19, and 26.

II. Applicants submit that there is clear error with respect to the Examiner’s rejection of claims 32-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in light of Shavit in view of Banks and further in view of U.S. Publication No 2002/0029171 to Senior et al. (“Senior”). As described in detail on page 17 of Applicant’s Response (dated January 18, 2006) to the Office Action (dated November 17, 2005), the cited combination of references fails to disclose or suggest “a price calculator configured to receive the product manufacturing facility order from the order entry device, to access the memory to identify the quote amount associated with the first ordered product from the mapping database record and to calculate a price for the first ordered product based on the desired quantity and the quote amount” of claim 26, from which claims 32-34 depend. Specifically, Senior merely describes a database for product configuration information (paragraph 38) instead of a mapping database.

**Conclusion**

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-20, and 22-34 in the application are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

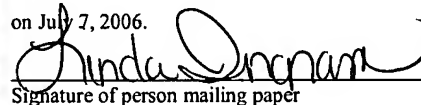


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